advertisement in Regional/National newspapers, interviews are conducted at Valiamala, which is LPSC Headquarters. However, offers are issued to the selected candidates directing them to report to the respective places where the vacancies exist. In respect of two posts of Engineer-SB, however, the individuals were originally posted to Valiamala complex but were subsequently shifted to Mahendragiri, as they were found more suitable for the Test Facilities located at Mahendragiri. One of these Engineers belong to Tamil Nadu.

(c) 73 persons from Tamil Nadu and 8 persons from Kerala are presently employed in Liquid Propulsion Test Facility at Mahendragiri.

Law to check defection

2001. SHRI PA WAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a.) whether Government are aware that the salutory provisions of law aimed at checking defections by the Legislators are being rendered nugatory in some cases without technical violation thereof; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard and remedy the malady?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ); fay Government have no such information.

(b) Does not arise. Fresh treaty with

Sri Lanka

2002. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Gov ernment have recently suggested a fresh treaty with regard to the ethnic problem in that country;

(b) if so, what are the details there of stating the reasons behind the suggestion and how does the proposed treaty differ from the earlier accord between the two countries; and

(c,) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Relief sent to Sri Lanka

2003. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of "EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total amount of relief so far sent to Jaffna and other parts of Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): 4571.812 metric tonnes.

Repeal of CCS (Recognition ofServiceAssociation) Rules, 1959 by theSupreme Court

2004. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI ASHWANl KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CCS (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1959 had been struck off by the Supreme Court in 1962;

(b) whether any fresh rules have been framed to replace the above rules; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when these rules are likely to be framed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) Actually, these Rules we're framed in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 209 and Clause